The allotment of rice to Andhra Pradesh from, the Central Pool has been as under: —

Year (1st Nov. to 3lsi Oct.)	Quantity of rice allotted
	(Lain Tonnes)
1984-85	10.75
1935-86	11 50
1986-87	11.60

Workshop on rural development

1409. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a three-day Workshop on Rural Development was held in New Delhi on the 25th October, 1987;

(b) if so, what was the number of the participants; and

(c) what is the nature of discus-sions held and recommendations made to Government, if any?

THE MINISTER OP STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICRULTURE (SHRI RAMANAND YADAV): (a) No workshop on Rural Development was held on the 25th October, 1987.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Denial of entry of harijans into temples in MP

1410. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in certain villages of Madbya Pradesh (especially of Bilaspur district) the Harijans are denied entry into the temples;

(fo) if so, what action has been taken by Government to stop this practice; and

(c) whether Government are aware that religious fundamentalism and fanaticism are on the increase in the rural areas of the State and, if so, what remedial measures are being taken to reverse this trend?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (DR. RAJENDRA KUMARI BAJPAI): (a) to (c) Necessary information is being collected from the State Govt. of Madhya Pradesh.

Special programmes for agricultural labourers in Madhya Pradesh

1411. SHRl AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any special programmes for rural and agricultu ral labourers in Madhya Pradesh es pecially of the drought-affected areas;

(b) if so, what are the details there of, and

(c) the manner in which Govern ment propose to ameliorate the con dition of these labourers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) Under drought relief programme, assistance is provided to the State Government for employment generation works for rural and agricultural labourers. A ceiling of expenditure of Rs. 53.37 cro-e,- has been approved to the Government of Madhya Pradesh under thi? programme during the post-monsoon period of 1987.

(c) The State Government has opened relief works with a view to providing employment to landless agricultural and other labourers. The minimum wage has been raised *to* Rs. 11|- per day and this would be